

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Serum L-PGDS concentration and urinary L-PGDS index were determined on 42 patients with renal diseases (chronic renal failure: 11 patients; glomerulonephritis: 23 patients; polycystic kidney: 8 patients). At the same time, serum creatinine concentration and urinary albumin index [[ware]] were determined. The results are shown in Fig. 4.